

817 Market Space, NW (Commercial Building)
(Old Antique House)
Square 408, Lot 817
Washington
District of Columbia

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STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 817 Market Space, NW (Commercial Building).		HABS NO. DC-454
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE "Old Antique House"		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 817 Market Space, N.W., Square 408, Lot 817, (Part of the "Perry Building", Permit #405 8/27/1904)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE). Late Nineteenth Century - Permit #1131, 2/18/1899	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Part of a row of turn-of-the-century commercial structures. Its street elevation is the western half of what once were mirror-image paired facades that included the building to the east. Simultaneously, it shares a roof parapet frieze and cornice with its neighbor to the west. Thus, the row was once tightly inter- (see attached sheet #1)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late Nineteenth Century commercial with Classical detailing.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Timber beams and joists resting on load bearing brick walls; red brick facade with stone window framing elements.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular - approximately 25'x60'x55'. Basement level and four stories with a slightly projecting second floor addition.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE First floor - modern storefront, recessed plate glass entrance. Second floor - metal pilasters at outer edge carrying full metal entablature, projecting and plinths at the base; one bay wide with triple set of windows separated by colonnettes. Third floor - Same as second floor but with Ionic entablature. (See attached sheet #1)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Basically open plan with rear mezzanine over first floor workspace; ornate pressed metal ceilings at first floor; hardwood floors throughout; beaded board ceilings of upper three floors; exposed brick party walls with opening to adjacent building in west party wall on fourth floor; steel beam and tubular column in (see attached sheet #1)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Storefront - Permit #123,072, 4/25/1929 New roof party wall, close up opening in same party wall on lower floor, erect stairs and elevator shaft - Permit #187,731, 1/16/1936. (See attached sheet #1)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE GOOD - Antique store		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building lies within the boundaries of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. It is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation's Historic Preservation Plan, 1977.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Washingtoniana Collection, Martin Luther King Memorial Library - plat map information, Records, National Archives - building permit information.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Bruce K. Deutsch, Anderson Notter/Mariani for		DATE 11/18/80

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SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd.)

woven into a visual unit. Although diluted, it is still a strong landmark on Market Square. The row is highly visible from Pennsylvania Avenue, adds historically to it and forms an integral part of the architectural progression of the Avenue.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (cont'd.)

Fourth floor - Series of five double-hung windows with the last window to the east abutting the adjacent building.

Roof - An elaborate Corinthian cornice with simple frieze which continues onto building to the west.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (cont'd.)

basement supporting first floor; well and pump in lower level; freight elevator.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (cont'd.)

Passenger elevator - Permit #B80430, 11/3/1961.